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1. THE AFGHAN NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY (LOYA JIRGAH) ON FEBRUARY 13 COMPLETED ACTION ON THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND PASSED IT WITH A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS. WE WILL SUBMIT A FULL REPORT AS SOON AS AN OFFICIAL TEXT IS AVAILABLE.

2. ON FEBRUARY 14 THE LOYA JIRGAH ELECTED MOHAMMAD DAOUD AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. HE WILL BE SWORN IN ON FEB 15.

3. THE AFGHANS WOULD BE GREATLY PLEASED AND WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENT CARTER SEND A MESSAGE TO DAOUD CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS ELECTION AND CONGRATULATING THE AFGHAN PEOPLE ON THEIR NEW CONSTITUTION.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT THE CABLE (STATE 32771) SENDING PRESIDENT CARTER'S RESPONSE TO DAOUD'S INAUGURATION GREETING BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE CONGRATULATORY REFERENCES TO DAOUD'S OWN ELECTION AND THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

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5. PLEASE SEND YOUR REPLY WITH NIACT PRECEDENCE TO BE SURE WE

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HAVE THE MESSAGE IN TIME FOR DELIVERY ON FEBRUARY 15 IN KABUL.
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